

Confidential

Montevideo

11th Feb. 1865Jef^{to} 15/865 =

Sir,

From a few words
which I sent yesterday evening
to the Commander in Chief of the
Argentine Squadron, Your Excellency
will probably have learnt already
that Don Tomas Villalba was
yesterday afternoon elected
President of the Senate.

His Excellency has entered
upon his functions as President
of the Republic with the
approbation of persons of common
sense of all political parties.

I called

Extra Extra

D. D. Rufin de Alvalde

I called this morning upon
His Excellency, and took the
opportunity of speaking to him
of the unsatisfactory state of
Relations between this Country
and the Argentine Republic

I am happy to be able to
state that the President is
animated by the most friendly
sentiments towards the Government
of His Excellency General Mitre.

He said

that, as yet, he had not named
his

Ministry, but that on my
 writing to your Excellency he
 would thank me to state on
 his part, confidentially, that he
 offered his hand to the foot of
 Argentine Republic with all
 sincerity, and that his most
 anxious desire was to see the
 most cordial relations between
 the two sister Republics
 restored with the least possible
 delay. Commenced as I am of
 the sincerity of Senor Villalba's
 character,

character I am sure the
assurances he gave me may
be taken at their full value.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours Excellency's
most obedient
humble servant
Wm. G. H. H. H.